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It was almost a caprice which led me to pay a tribute to the soil made historic by the name of Miles Standish.

Duxbury, Mass., is proud of her hero. Her heart pulsed with the loftier heroisms of the revolutionary war.

And it beat in rhythm to the music of human liberty as its strains awoke the spirit of freedom in the bosom of the slave.

Her record in the civil war was a bright one.

Duxbury is situated some 37 miles from Boston on the Old Colony R.R., now operated by the N. Y. N. H. & H. Railroad Co., and the village boasts of some 20,000 population. The spirit and traits of the old Pilgrim fathers are traceable in the limb and loins of their Duxbury descendants.

Cordial, whole-souled, with a reverent pride for the past, the traveler who cares to spend a few hours in the quaint old villages will find many a pleasing legend to lure on his historic imagination and a bit of shore scenery redolent with the ever-changing beauties of sea and woodland and sky. Remote from the crush of the city, possessing a dreamy, peaceful life, kept buoyant by the play of ocean breezes, the visitor finds that Duxbury possesses unsuspected items of interest for him. Among the most interesting of these are the graves of Paine, Standish and other Pilgrims. Through the courtesy of Hon. John

plain enough looking building, which the stranger may readily mistake for an inn. The public library of Duxbury was the gift of Mrs. George B. Wright. The library contains many valuable works and is situated on St. George street. About the building are marshalled a group of leafy elms, which add a shade and a touch of rustic beauty to the surroundings.

Among the more recent enterprises of Duxbury has been the Powder Point or Gurnet bridge. This structure spans a neck of Duxbury bay, thereby uniting Duxbury beach with the town of Duxbury. The bridge affords facilities for the work of the life-saving station. Of Duxbury beach, it may be remembered that Daniel Webster once remarked that it was certainly one of the finest of the New England beaches. It is somewhat of a surprise to me that the excellent beach facilities of Duxbury have not been more generally acknowledged. For the benefit of summer tourists, I may state that I found at the Hollis House a long-distance telephone, an excellent livery, and the general refined comforts of more enthusiastically praised places on the other shore.

Duxbury is awakening.

There are evidences of thrift. Several structures have been erected during the past year and the taxes of the town are lower than they have been for some decades. The schools of Duxbury, to



DUXBURY LIBRARY.

Hollis of Duxbury and of the N. H.